

SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report March 9, 2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

February 22nd, the North Battalion responded to a report of a garage full of smoke. This was reported by the neighbor. The homeowners were inside the house and unaware of the smoke. Firefighters arrived and found a working fire in an attached garage; all occupants had safely evacuated the house. Firefighters attempted to contain the fire to the garage, however, it extended to the attic. Firefighters worked to extinguish the fire and complete a search of the residence. The fire was controlled within 20 minutes, and there were no injuries to the occupants or firefighters.

On February 23rd, the North Battalion, along with mutual aid units from SCFD #4 and Marysville, responded to a bedroom fire. E82 arrived and met the occupant who stated everyone was out of the structure. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and completed a search of the structure. The fire was contained to the room of origin, but due to smoke damage, the occupants were not able to occupy the structure. Interesting note, the occupant was alerted to the fire by his cat, who safely evacuated as well.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

The Operations Division presented the proposed deployment model, without Station 76, to the Union Executive Board and the Battalion Chiefs. The Battalion Chiefs will present this information to their respective crews. A leadership meeting will be scheduled in the near future to allow the Fire Chief to formally present the proposed deployment plan.

Training & Safety

The Snohomish County Force Protection Group is monitoring changes in COVID workplace safety requirements. As the Governor communicates changes in the masking standards we are eagerly awaiting any impacts to the L&I workplace guidelines along with any specific health care provider requirements.

The 2022 SRFR Safety Committee is finding its groove. The committee hosted the third meeting of the year to review injuries, accidents, and near misses within SRFR. The goal of the committee is to help discern contributing factors and support preventative measures.

Health & Safety is working to update accident, injury, and near miss reporting for the new organization. The current paper systems do not offer the security and timeliness required for the organization. The goal is to create an efficient and easily accessible system for all SRFR employees.



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SRFR has completed the required annual injury reporting to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PLANNING

Community Relations

Public Education Updates

School YTD: 2nd Grade Classes Visited: 28 out of 77

- \circ February 18th March 2nd
 - Woodside Elementary: **4**
 - Sunnycrest Elementary: 2
 - Glennwood Elementary: **1**
- Scheduled: 11 (2nd Grade) & 5 (9th Grade Hands Only CPR)

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 3

• The next Home Fire Safety Class is scheduled for March 9th

Social Media Snapshot: February 18th - March 2nd

- **24** Posts
- **37** New Followers/Accounts
- 25,032 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King is working on the Spring Newsletter graphic files which will go to the printer March 10th.

Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King is working with our webmaster to update our SRFR website with current content on the following page:

• Public Information

LOGISTICS

Facilities

Logistics requested quotes from MRSC for landscape maintenance for all of our facilities. Currently we have two separate companies doing the work, Badgley Landscape in the East and West Battalions and Groundworks in the North Battalion. The current contracts for these two companies end March 31st. The goal is to have one contract for the entire District. Bid packets are due to the Deputy Chief of Logistics by March 9.

Logistics/Facilities has started preliminary work on the directions discussed at COMEX 2022 with regards to the Capital Facilities Plan and the priorities that were identified in the first phase.



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Logistics/Facilities has officially reached out to DSHS to have a meeting to discuss the current/ future lease at the Administration Building.

Logistics received an order of 8100 Rapid Antigen COVID Tests. This will replenish our supply and will hopefully carry us through for a while.

Following a safety assessment of the temporary shop tent facility, we are placing a moratorium on hoisting trucks in the shop tent. Trucks may be lifted outside the shop on concrete. Due to this event, we have planned the following:

- Consultation with Rice, Fergus, Miller to develop a remodel/solution
- Lifts will be conducted on concrete when needed
- The City of Lake Stevens has offered temporary shop space if needed
- We will seek other shop space opportunities

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief